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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.56**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

In addition to the English-language abstracts for the Japanese references listed in PTO Form 1449, Applicant also encloses herewith a translation of an excerpt from an office action by the Japanese Patent Office citing such documents and indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

These prior art documents were also submitted in an Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 24,

2000 (copy attached) in the parent application Serial No. 09/064,765.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (1) no later than three months from the application's filing date or (2) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later), and therefore no statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,


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